

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

This application is a division of prior application:

Applicant: Brian Robert Simpson et al.

Serial No.: 08/793,028 Group Art Unit: 1773

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For: FLOOR COVERING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced divisional application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following new  
section:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional of Serial

No. 08/793,028, filed March 6, 1997 and  
presently pending.--

On page 1, prior to the first full paragraph, please insert --Field of the  
Invention--;

between lines 6 and 7, please insert --Description of the  
Relevant Prior Art--; and

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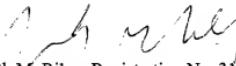
between lines 32 and 33, please insert --Summary of the Invention--.

On page 18, between lines 25 and 26, please insert --Brief Description of the Drawings--;

between lines 29 and 30, please insert --Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments--.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to the application, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 647-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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